

REMARKS**Overview**

This Amendment accompanies the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Claims 1-21 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 8 have been amended. Claims 20 and 21 are new. The present response is an earnest effort to place all claims in proper form for immediate allowance. Reconsideration and passage to issuance is therefore respectfully requested.

Issues Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Uemura (US 2001/0027429). These rejections are respectfully traversed as the presently claimed invention is significantly different from Uemura.

Uemura is directed towards complex equipment such as an analyzing system which includes a data processor and supports direct monitoring and maintenance of its own component parts (paragraph [0002]). The Examiner appears to generously read Uemura as the Examiner interprets different sections of Uemura in a manner that is believed to be inconsistent with Uemura's teaching. In particular, the Examiner indicates that Uemura discloses that a parts diagram is provided over the computer network and cites to paragraphs 18 and 21 of Uemura. Uemura, however, does not provide any explicit or inherent disclosure that a parts diagram is provided over the computer network. Uemura merely discloses that a parts diagram is provided and that parts information may be updated. Uemura does not disclose that a schematic is updated.

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In any event, claim 1 has been amended to require "an interactive" schematic and receiving a selection from the "interactive" schematic. Uemura simply does not disclose an interactive schematic being used. In other words, Uemura does not disclose that a selection is made directly from the schematic. Therefore, this rejection to claim 1 must be withdrawn for this independent reason. As claims 2-7 depend from claim 1, this rejection must also be withdrawn.

Claim 8 has also been amended to now require the step of "providing a web site for the customer to visit to order a replacement gun part." Uemura simply does not disclose this limitation. Also, claim 8 has been amended to require "an interactive schematic" and that their selection of at least one of the component parts is received "from the interactive schematic." Uemura simply does not disclose this limitation. Therefore, this rejection to claim 8 must be withdrawn for this independent reason. As claims 9-18 depend from claim 8, these rejections must also be withdrawn.

It is further observed that the language of claim 8 also makes clear the role of the customer in the methodology which further distinguishes claim 8 from Uemura. In Uemura there is a direct link between the equipment and its manufacturer. Thus, the customer does not visit a web site as a part of the ordering process.

With respect to claim 19, claim 19 is replete with limitations not disclosed in Uemura which the Examiner does not specifically address. As there is no specificity with respect to the rejection to claim 19, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection to claim 19 must be withdrawn. It is, for example, noted that claim 19 also includes limitations such as "selecting a link on the schematic to receive an associated description of the selected gun part." Uemura simply does not disclose such a limitation. Therefore, this rejection to claim 19 must be withdrawn.

Claims 1 and 8 have also been amended to further indicate the customer's involvement in the ordering process, further distinguishing the claimed invention from Uemura. For example, the customer is actively involved in the ordering process as claimed. In Uemura, there is a direct link between the equipment and the manufacturer.

Thus, Uemura is directed towards integrating features into equipment that facilitate reordering of replacement parts and consumables. The claimed invention relates to a web site that is configured in a manner that allows customers to research replacement parts and select them in a convenient and flexible manner.

New Claims

New claims 20 and 21 are similar in scope to claim 8 but use alternative claim language. Claims 20 and 21 also require that the schematic be "interactive."

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are in proper form for immediate allowance. Reconsideration and passage to issuance is therefore respectfully requested.

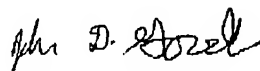
Conclusion

This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Please charge Deposit Account No. 26-0084 the amount of \$395.00 per the attached Request for Continued Examination Transmittal. Please also charge Deposit Account No. 26-0084 the amount of \$125.00 for one additional claim over 20 and one additional independent claim over 3.

No other fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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